**ORGANIZING THEME/TOPIC**

**UNIT 1 - IDENTITY LIFE STORIES**
Students define heritage and learn how it is passed on and shapes a person’s identity.

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**Suggested Time Frame:** 4 weeks

**Writing Unit – Launching Writer’s Workshop, Personal Narrative**

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**Target Skill**
- Determine Author’s Purpose
- Sequence

**Comprehension Strategy**
- Determine important Information
- Make Inferences

**Writing**
- Evaluate Sources
- Use Library Resources
- Personal Narrative
- Sequence of Events
- Subject Verb Agreement
- Sentence Rules
- Idioms
- Quotation Marks
- Commas

**21st Century Skills**
- Listening Skills
- Evaluate Sources

**FOCUS STANDARDS & SKILLS**

**READING FOR LITERATURE**
- RL.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
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- RL.4.6 Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.
- R.KCCRS.4.3 – Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text

**READING FOR INFORMATION**
- RI.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
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- RI.4.9 Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.

**WRITING**
- W.4.2.a Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.
- W.4.2.b Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- W.4.3.d Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events.
Vocabulary Strategy
- Synonyms
- Context Clues
- Metaphors

Word Study and Phonics
- Adjective Suffixes
- Greek and Latin Roots

Use Library resources

precisely.

• W.4.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 4 here.)

• W.4.6 With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting.

• W.4.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.

• W.4.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.

• W.KCCRS.8 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

READING FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

- RF.4.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- RF.4.3.a Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.
- RF.4.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
- RF.4.4.a Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
- RF.4.4.b Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
- RF.4.4.c Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS

- SL.4.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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LANGUAGE

- L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- L.4.1.f Produce complete sentences, recognizing and correcting inappropriate fragments and run-ons.*
- L.4.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- L.4.2.b Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.
- L.4.2.c Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.
### UNIT 2 - EVERYDAY SCIENCE-A GREEN FUTURE

**Students look at the Earth’s resources, and what we can do to conserve them.**

**Inquiry investigation**

**Suggested Time Frame:** 4 weeks

**Writing Unit**

**Suggested Time Frame:** 4 to 6 weeks

**Target Skill**
- Draw conclusions
- Recall and Retell

**Comprehension Strategy**
- Monitor Comprehension
- Make Predictions

**Writing**
- Evaluate Sources
- Use Library Resources
- Regular and Irregular Past Tense Verbs
- Use Dialogue to Establish Character Traits
- Create a Tone
- Striking Words and Phrases

### READING FOR LITERATURE

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### WRITING

- **W.4.3** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
- **W.4.3.a** Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
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- L.4.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
  - L.4.2a Use correct capitalization.
  - L.4.2b Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.
  - L.4.2c Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.
  - L.4.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
  - L.4.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
  - L.4.4c Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.
  - L.4.5b Recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.
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### Comprehension Strategy
- Visualize
- Summarize

### Writing
- Evaluate Sources
- Use Library Resources

### 21st Century Skills
- Understanding Reference Materials
- Use Encyclopedias and Almanacs
- Use an Atlas

### Vocabulary Strategy
- Connotation and Denotation
- Context Clues
- Homophones

### Word Study and Phonics
- Noun Suffixes
- Prefixes That Mean “Not”
- Inflected Endings –s, –es
- Prefixes that Tell “When”

### Reading for Information
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- RF.4.4.a Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
- RF.4.4.b Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.
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### Writing
- W.4.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
- W.4.2.a Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- W.4.2.b Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- W.4.2.d Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- W.4.2.e Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.
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**SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS**

- SL.4.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- SL.4.1.a Come to discussions prepared having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
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- SL.4.2 Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- SL.4.3 Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.
- SL.4.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
- SL.4.6 Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion); use formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 4 Language standards 1 here for specific expectations.)

**LANGUAGE**

- L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- L.4.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- L.4.2.a Use correct capitalization.
- L.4.2.b Use commas and quotation marks to mark direct speech and quotations from a text.
- L.4.3 Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.*
- L.4.3c Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and situations where informal discourse is appropriate (e.g., small-group discussion).
- L.4.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
- L.4.4.a Use context (e.g., definitions, examples, or restatements in text) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
- L.4.4.b Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph).
- L.4.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
UNIT 4 - EARTH SCIENCE-PATTERNS IN THE SKY

Students explore the sun, moon, stars, and planets from scientific, historical, and futuristic viewpoints.

Inquiry Investigation

**Suggested Time Frame: 4 weeks**

**Writing Unit – Informational Reports**

**Suggested Time Frame: 4 -6 weeks**

Target Skill
- Distinguish fact and Opinion
- Identify Text Structure

Comprehension Strategy
- Make Connections
- Ask and Answer Questions

Writing
- Informational Reports
- Analyze the Features of an Informational Text
- Evaluating Internet Resources
- Strong Lead
- Plural Possessive Nouns
- Singular Possessive Pronouns
- Its
- Irregular Possessive Nouns
- Appositives
- Capitalization of Abbreviations
- Colons

21st Century Skills
- Internet Safety
- Internet Search Engines
- Evaluate Internet Sources
- Use Notes Effectively

Vocabulary Strategy
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- **R.KCCRS.4.5** Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, science, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.

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**WRITING**

- **W.4.1** Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
- **W.4.1.a** Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer’s purpose.
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- Analogies
- Classify Words
- Noun Suffixes
- Comparatives and Superlatives

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### SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS
- SL.4.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- SL.4.1b Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
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- SL.4.1d Review the key ideas expressed and explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.
- SL.4.2 Paraphrase portions of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.
- SL.4.3 Identify the reasons and evidence a speaker provides to support particular points.
- SL.4.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.
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### LANGUAGE
- L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- L.4.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- L.4.2.a Use correct capitalization.
- L.4.2.d Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
- L.4.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
- L.4.3.c Differentiate between contexts that call for formal English (e.g., presenting ideas) and
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- L.4.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
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**Benchmark Week**  
**Suggest Time Frame:** 1 week

**Quarterly Benchmark Assessment 2**  
**Reading Progress Assessment**

**UNIT 5 HISTORY AND CULTURE - AMERICA'S HEARTLAND**  
Students read about the Midwestern and South Central states.

Inquiry Investigation  
**Suggested Time Frame:** 4 weeks

**Writing Unit – Informational Reports**  
(continued from previous unit)  
**Suggested time Frame:** 4 to 6 weeks

**Target Skill**  
- Identify Main Ideas and Details  
- Identify Cause and Effect

**Comprehension Strategy**  
- Visualize  
- Monitor Comprehension  
- Make Predictions  
- Determine Important Information

**Writing**  
- Short Research Project  
- Take Notes and Categorize

**READING FOR LITERATURE**

- RL.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- RL.4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).
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- RL.4.5 Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.
- RL.4.9 Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.

**READING FOR INFORMATION**

- RI.4.2 Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.
- RI.4.3 Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.
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- RI.4.8 Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text.
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Information
- Evaluate Sources
- Descriptive Details to Support Main Theme

21st Century Skills
- Communication
- Responsibility and Leadership
- Collaboration
- Appreciate Diversity

Vocabulary Strategy
- Antonyms
- Thesaurus
- Similes

Word Study and Phonics
- Prefixes that Tell Where
- Greek and Latin Roots

**READING FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS**
- RF.4.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- RF.4.3.a Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context.
- RF.4.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
- RF.4.4.a Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding
- RF.4.4.b Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.

**WRITING**
- W.4.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
- W.4.3.a Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
- W.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- W.4.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. W.4.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.
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- W.4.9b Apply grade 4 Reading standards to informational texts (e.g., “Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text”).
- W.4.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**SPEAKING AND LISTENING**
- SL.4.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
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**LANGUAGE**

- **L.4.1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- **L.4.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
- **L.4.3** Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.
- **L.4.3.a** Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.*
- **L.4.4** Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.
- **L.4.4.b** Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., telegraph, photograph, autograph).
- **L.4.4.c** Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.
- **L.4.5.a** Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context.
- **L.4.5.c** Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).
- **L.4.6** Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).

**UNIT 6 – LIFE SCIENCE- NATURE’S NEIGHBORHOODS**

Students find out about ecosystems, food chains, and webs, interdependence, and adaptation for survival.

**Inquiry Investigation**

**Suggested Time Frame:** 4 weeks

**Writing Unit – Book Reviews (continued from previous unit)**

**Suggested Time Frame:** 4-6 weeks

**Target Skill**

- Categorize and Classify

**Comprehension Strategy**

- Making inferences

**READING FOR LITERATURE**

- **RL.4.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- **RL.4.3** Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).
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- **RL.4.5** Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.
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**READING FOR INFORMATION**

- **RI.4.1** Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- **RI.4.2** Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.
- **RI.4.3** Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text,
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**21st Century Skills**

| • Use information responsibly | • RF.4.3a Use combined knowledge of all letter-sound correspondences, syllabication patterns, and morphology (e.g., roots and affixes) to read accurately unfamiliar multisyllabic words in context and out of context. |
| • Use Quotations Correctly | • RF.4.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. |
| • Cite Sources Properly | • RF.4.4.b Read on-level prose and poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. |
| • Gestures and Body Language | |

**Vocabulary Strategy**

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**Word Study and Phonics**

| • Greek and Latin Roots | • W.4.2.b Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic. |
| • Comparatives and Superlatives | • W.4.2.c Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because). |
| • Greek and Latin Roots | • W.4.2.e Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation. |

**READING FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS**

| • Noun/Pronoun Agreement | • W.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) |
| • Add thoughts and Feelings to Persuade Audience | • W.4.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1-3 up to and including grade 4 here.) |
| • Use Commas in Compound Sentences | • W.4.6 With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting. |
| • Reading Foundational Skills | • W.4.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic |
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| • Reading Foundational Skills | • W.4.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. |
| • Reading Foundational Skills | • W.4.9.a Apply grade 4 Reading standards to literature (e.g., “Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions].”). |
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**LANGUAGE**
- L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.  
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  - L.4.2.c Use a comma before a coordinating conjunction in a compound sentence.  
- L.4.3 Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading, or listening.  
  - L.4.3.a Choose words and phrases to convey ideas precisely.*  
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- L.4.4 Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.  
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**UNIT 7 GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENSHIP- THE WIDE-OPEN WEST**

Students read about the Mountain and Pacific States.

**Inquiry Investigation**

**Suggested Time Frame: 4 weeks**

**Writing Unit- Procedural Texts**

**Suggested Time Frame: 4-6 weeks**

**Target Skill**

- Generalize
- Cause and Effect
- Sequence of Events
- Recall and Retell

**Comprehension Strategy**

- Visualize
- Monitor Comprehension
- Make Predictions
- Determine Important Information

**Writing**

- Analyze Features of a Procedural Text
- Plan, revise, and edit
- Prepositional phrases and Adjectives
- Commas to Separate Definitions in a Sentence

**READING FOR LITERATURE**

- RL.4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.
- RL.4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character’s thoughts, words, or actions).
- RL.4.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).
- RL.4.5 Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.
- RL.4.6 Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations.
- RL.4.7 Make connections between the text of a story or drama and a visual or oral presentation of the text, identifying where each version reflects specific descriptions and directions in the text.
- RL.4.9 Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.
- RL.4.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poetry, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

**READING FOR INFORMATION**

- RI.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
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- L.4.1.g Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., to, too, two; there, their).*
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- L.4.2.d Spell grade-appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.
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- L.4.5.c Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their opposites (antonyms) and to words with similar but not identical meanings (synonyms).
- L.4.6 Acquire and use accurately grade-appropriate general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, including those that signal precise actions, emotions, or states of being (e.g., quizzed, whined, stammered) and that are basic to a particular topic (e.g., wildlife, conservation, and endangered when discussing animal preservation).

UNIT 8 CHALLENGES - ACHIEVING DREAMS
Students focus on the challenge of reaching personal goals.

Inquiry Investigation

READING FOR LITERATURE
- RL.4.1 Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
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